The UAE Power Play

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After OPEC and OPEC+, the UAE may leave the Arab League and even the GCC.

So MbZ – the sole owner of the UAE – decided to quit OPEC and OPEC+.

Epstein Syndicate minions are billing it as a sophisticated New Energy Order play.

Not really.

At face value, the move is sound. The UAE spent a fortune boosting its production capacity to 5 million barrels of oil a day.

Yet under OPEC+ rules, their quota was much lower, hovering around 3.4 million barrels a day.

So they went all out for monetization. Now, in theory, they can sell as much as they want, and as much as demand from Asian customers such as China, Japan and India remains high.

Saudi Arabia, on the other hand – the big OPEC power and one of the top two on OPEC+ alongside Russia – will be forced to keep its production low, so prices won't collapse.

The Abu Dhabi-Riyadh relationship has become uncontrollably incandescent. After all they both compete for the same sources of foreign investment.

Abu Dhabi calculated that the Iranian energy industry is in dire straits (it isn't: Tehran has a PhD on Resistance under Pressure and always finds alternative ways). So for MbZ, Iran is finished as a top market competitor – for a long time. Enter the UAE as a stable, high capacity provider.

Finally, enter the Empire of Piracy. Trump is obsessed with increased supply leading to lower oil prices. So here we have MbZ directly aligned with Trump. Already was since the Abraham Accords; the $1.4 trillion pledge to invest in the U.S. economy and in data centers in the Gulf; and as a partner of IMEC: the misnomed India-Middle East Corridor, which is in fact the Israel (centered on Haifa)-Saudi-UAE-Europe-India Corridor.

The reward for the UAE for the extra alignment with the Empire of Piracy – after all these are two mafia engines – is increased "U.S. security guarantees".

The problem is the Empire of Piracy cannot provide it anymore, as the war on Iran has shown. And frankly, Trump simply doesn't give a damn.

A nasty foreign policy like no other

The Fujairah terminal has been extolled as the UAE's game-changer. Yes, it does bypass the Strait of Hormuz – and thus the tollbooth installed by the IRGC Navy. Via the Habshan–Fujairah pipeline, Abu Dhabi is able to pump oil directly to the Indian Ocean.

And yet MbZ may have read the energy chessboard the myopic way. After the end of the war – assuming there's an end – oil exported from the Persian Gulf will essentially be under Iranian supremacy. The Empire of Piracy's hold over the Persian Gulf is destined to the dustbin.

It's quite telling that the UAE was not among the Four Sunnis which first met in Islamabad – at the early stages of the war negotiations that went nowhere. These were Pakistan, Turkey, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Translation: Saudi Arabia at least nominally wants a peaceful settlement with Iran. Abu Dhabi, for all practical purposes, is at war with Iran.

The UAE lost an absolute fortune because of the tollbooth at the Strait of Hormuz. It is regarded by Tehran as a hostile nation. So no tankers going through. Desperation set in – fast.

First of all, Abu Dhabi refused to rollover a $3.5 billion loan to Pakistan.

Then they begged for a swap arrangement with the U.S. Federal Reserve.

Capital flight turned into an avalanche. After all the behemoths of international finance are – were – all in the UAE. The initial preferred destination was Thailand – excellent quality of life. But now funds go mostly to Hong Kong, to the tune of roughly $40 billion a week.

The UAE is in fact an excrescence. Carved out of Oman in 1971: yet another Brit scheme, what else. Population of 11 million, with only 1 million of Arabs of foreign descent. Most of the country is desert. The army – 60,000-strong – is made up of foreign mercenaries.

The UAE has zero industry. Zero defense industry. Zero agriculture. Sources of income are oil, financial trade and – so far – tourism, appealing to those discombobulated masses helplessly blinded by bling bling.

Security was in theory provided by the Empire of Piracy and the Epstein Syndicate. Oops, not really – as the war proved.

And as far as foreign policy goes, few rival the UAE in nastiness.

They were deeply involved in the military coup in Egypt; supported a coup attempt in Turkiye; intervened in the civil war in Libya and subsequent divide and rule; acted side by side with the death cult in West Asia to divide Somalia; supported separatists in the civil war in Sudan; were extremely aggressive against Ansarallah and the Houthis in Yemen.

So who do they have as allies? The death cult in West Asia. And that's it. Abu Dhabi got an Iron Dome at the height of the war on Iran – complete with IDF operators.

The UAE virtually antagonize all their neighbors. The cream of the crop is now to invest in an energy war against Riyadh.

Does this excrescence have a viable future? Not likely. Erudite Iraqi scholars – who have a keen sense of History – have already started playing with scenarios.

The “Emirates” fiction may soon break up: the Republic of Sharjah, for instance, is already a distinct possibility. Abu Dhabi may be gobbled up by the Saudis – with gangster MbZ seeking asylum in the West. In the short term, if Trump restarts the war, and considering how their territory and bases were used for attacks on Iran, the IRGC may deliver the coup de grace.

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